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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Amoy—Plague, Cholera, Smallpox.

Acting Asst. Surg. Bonthius reports May 29 that during the week ended May 25 there were reported at Amoy 6 cases of plague with 2 deaths and 2 cases of smallpox.

June 3 Dr. Bonthius further reported that plague continues to be present at Amoy, but is not spreading; that a few cases of cholera and of smallpox continue to be reported; that otherwise the general health condition is good.

Hongkong—Plague—Smallpox—Plague-Infected Rats.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended May 25, 1912, 199 cases of plague, with 168 deaths, and 2 cases of smallpox, with 1 death, were reported at Hongkong.

During the same period 2,608 rats were examined at Hongkong, of which number 70 were found to be plague infected.

CUBA.

Habana—Case of Plague.

On July 5 Dr. Juan Guiteras, director of sanitation of Cuba, reported that on July 4 a case suspicious of plague had been found in Habana and isolated at once in the Las Animas Hospital to await the decision of the commission for infectious diseases as to the diagnosis in the case and that rats were being caught along the water front and examined for plague infection.

On July 6 Dr. Guiteras further reported that the diagnosis in the case had been confirmed as that of bubonic plague, and that so far no infection had been found in rats.

The patient resided at No. 2 Mercaderes across the Plaza from the first block of Oficio Street in which locality attention had been called to a mortality in the rats. It was found that at No. 8 Oficio Street a suspicious death had occurred on June 30, but that although the body had been exhumed the examination proved negative. According to advice received to date, July 8, there are no suspects in Habana.

HAWAII.

Examination of Rodents for Plague Infection.

During the week ended June 15, 1912, 803 rats and mongoose were examined at Hilo and 1,694 at Honokaa. During the same period 35 rodents were examined bacteriologically at Hilo, and 175 at Honokaa. No plague infection was found in these animals.

The last case of human plague occurred at Honokaa March 15, 1912. The last case of rat plague was found between Honokaa and Kapulena April 24, 1912.